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To The Town of Richmond Hill,

I understand that Council is going to discuss Richmond Hill's designation as a "town" or "city".

I would prefer that Richmond Hill continue with it's "town" status.

What is to be gained by being a city? It is lost on me.

What we really are is a suburb, but no one aspires to that label.

When I think of cities I think of them in relation to an iconic building or their skyline. What would the skyline for the city of Richmond Hill look like? And would anyone recognize it?

Towns don't have skylines. A town's greatest attribute may be it's sense of community.

I didn't come to Richmond Hill because of it's skyline or wanting to live in the city. I was looking for a community where I could raise my family, support local businesses, be involved in the community, help my neighbours in the community, be part of the community. I have a strong association with the "community" aspect of where I choose to live. I don't think of cities as having strong communities. I do think that towns and neighbourhoods have strong communities.

Why the rush to become a city? I don't see the benefit of doing so. Such an effort is lost on me. I would rather continue to live in a strong, vibrant town. Could we aspire to be the world's most attractive town? That doesn't sound so bad to me.

Regards,

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